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LOCAL NEWS.

Dr. A. L. Gustetter is expected home today.

Old Mission beer 25 cents a bottle at Mission Cave. adv.

This week Tom Hanlan has been laid up with rheumatism.

The tax rate for Nogales for 1915 will be 7 1-2 cents instead of 8 1-2 as during last year.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Mather have moved into their handsome new home on Marsh Heights.

Mrs. John Smith of Crittenden is quite ill at the Sisters Hospital. She is being attended by Dr. Scudder.

Try Kentucky Tavern whiskey at Mission Cave. adv.

Hats off to Sheriff McKnight and other loyal Americans who last Wednesday called on General Carranza's consul at this place.

Richard Brady, member of the state live stock sanitary board, has been a business visitor in Nogales this week from Tucson.

J. T. Donahue, president of Donahue-Randall & Co., Omaha, Nebraska cattle dealers, has this week been a visitor in the city, on cattle business.

M. L. Kaiser, manager of the Pearson ranch, in Sonora, purchased some time ago by an American syndicate, is back from a business visit to Globe.

Judge Frank J. Duffy has returned from Flagstaff, where he accompanied his daughter, Miss Mary, who will attend the Northern Arizona Normal School.

Jesse and Albert Gatlin, and B. Lewis, three well known Santa Cruz county cowmen, were visitors here Monday. They reported the range looking good and cattle fat.

Old Nutwood whiskey 25 years old at Mission Cave. adv.

Tuesday P. T. Coleman, crossed at this port fourteen carloads of Sonora cattle, consigned to Mr. Coleman's ranch near Holbrook, Arizona, where they will be fattened for the eastern market.

Miss Florence Hannan departed Wednesday for Adrian, Michigan, to enter school, being accompanied by three sisters of the Nogales Academy, who go east to teach in the Adrian school.

Last Monday John Doe, arrested by Sheriff McKnight and Marshal Dumbauld for conducting a gambling game in the O'Keefe building, plead guilty in Justice Gittin's court and was fined \$200.

C. J. Anderson, acting superintendent of the Sonora railway, during the absence of Superintendent Kingsbury, who is taking his vacation on the coast, was a business visitor here several days this week.

James R. Bent, the mine superintendent, now at El Oro, Sonora, has accepted a responsible position with a big mining company in Utah. Next week he will go to Salt Lake City, thence to his new post.

Tuesday Supervisor Parker came over from the San Rafael valley to see a battle between warring Mexican factions across the line. The fight had been indefinitely postponed. Wednesday Mr. Parker returned home.

James Monroe Bankerd, father of Chas. A. Bankerd, who suddenly died last Tuesday from heart failure, at the home of his son at Comoro Ranch, north of Nogales a few miles, was well and highly respected by all who knew him.

Santa Cruz county has cause to be proud of Supervisors Fiedler, Parker and Gatlin. They are making a splendid record and are giving the country a first-class administration. "Economy, and fair treatment to all," is their motto.

Yesterday morning Major Murillo, of the Maytorena army, who last Wednesday night shot and killed Lieutenant Molina, a brother officer, was executed. Murillo was tried by court martial. A number of citizens from this side of the line witnessed the execution.

Last Wednesday Gilberto Soto, the well known musical director who for some time past had been leader of General Calles' military band, died suddenly in Naco, from heart trouble. The funeral was held yesterday afternoon under the auspices of the Alianza Hispano-Americana, of which deceased was a member.

If we can't fix them, throw them away. Country orders solicited. Send us your shoes and they will be returned by the next train. Cowboy boots a specialty. Goodyear Shoe Repairing Shop. E. J. HOLDEN, 140 Grand avenue. adv.

The Southwestern Democrat, a state-wide exponent of Democratic principles is a welcome new arrival from Phoenix. The paper will be published weekly by Hon. John W. Martin, veteran Democratic editor, who is a pioneer of Arizona.

George Tuttle, known to old-timers as "Doc," is a Nogales visitor from Tempe, where he has resided for some time past. "Doc" says he hardly recognized Nogales as the place he left a half dozen years ago. He may decide to return here with his family.

The forepart of the week County Recorder Reddoch accompanied by his mother and Captain Gaston Reddoch, his young nephew, returned from a delightful outing in the San Rafael valley, at the pleasant ranch home of Supervisor and Mrs. George W. Parker.

L. C. Northcraft, manager of the Sonoita Land Grant, accompanied by E. E. Bethell, manager of the Washington Trading Company, motored down from Patagonia Thursday. Fine rains recently visited the Patagonia country, to the delight of rancher, stockraiser and miner.

Frank Wilkey, popular efficient clerk in The First National Bank of Nogales, is back from a month's vacation, the most of which time was spent enjoying the simple life in the country around Winkelman. Frank also visited a few days at El Paso with relatives and friends.

Monday Mrs. Phil Herold departed for Los Angeles where she will spend the remainder of the heated term with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. McIntyre. During her absence from Nogales, Treasurer R. R. Earhart and family will occupy the Herold residence on Marsh Heights.

On Thursday morning ground was broken for the new \$50,000 Nogales High School building, which will be pushed to completion as fast as possible. The structure will be of compressed brick and when completed will be one of the best most attractive high school buildings in Arizona. Redding & Son of this city, are the architects.

On August 14th, there was a delightful social dance given at Fruitland Hall, by the Fruitland Orchestra. A large crowd from Patagonia and Huachuca Siding attended. Now the orchestra is arranging for a Calico Dance to be given next Saturday night at Fruitland Hall. Admission, including lunch, only \$1.00. Everybody cordially invited.

Last Wednesday Tiburcio Ruiz, the well known Nogales, Sonora, sign painter, and four other citizens of Nogales, Sonora, accused by Governor Maytorena's officers of being spies for General Calles, were released from jail and deported to the American side of the international line. The men had been in jail ten days. They look it.

News that C. E. Cate, assistant superintendent of the Sonora railroad, accompanied by Conductor Ham and Engineer Miller, have arrived safe at Naco, Arizona, was joyously received here yesterday by hundreds of friends of the railroad men, who were reported captured last Monday at Imuris, by Calles soldiers, and subjected to all sorts of ill-treatment. Engineer Cate is expected on today's train from Tucson.

Chairman George H. Fiedler of the Board of Supervisors is in receipt of an invitation to attend the Farmers' Convention to be held in Douglas on the 27th and 28th inst. A large attendance will be present from the several counties in the state, and Chairman Fiedler regrets that he can't attend the meeting of the farmers. Next week he will go over to the Oro Blanco district to inspect the proposed new county road.

A. M. Conard, president and manager of the Sonora Copper Co., owning the Cobre Grande mines in Sonora, near Noria, is here from Los Angeles, on his way south. A. M. Conard is one of the best hustlers now doing business in Sonora, where he and his associates have already invested nearly a million dollars in mines and land. Just as soon as conditions warrant, his company will resume active operations at Cobre Grand.

Phillip Baldwin has arrived in the city to work for Uncle Sam as a customs guard, taking the place of Andy O'Connor, whose appointment was only temporary. For many years Mr. Baldwin was connected with the customs service in the Philippine Islands; being stationed at Manila, where he knew Captain Beatty of the local immigration office.

Editor Harvey Greene of the Santa Cruz Patagonian, was a county seat visitor Monday and Tuesday, in the interesting of his interesting little weekly, which is working overtime to boost Patagonia and surrounding country. Editor Greene says his town is in the heart of the richest mining country on earth. He's going to stay with till the "cows come home."

Last Tuesday afternoon the pretty home on Nob Hill of Mrs. L. Hudgin, was the scene of a delightful session of the Women's Home Mission Society. Those present were Madames Hudgin, Chatham, Will Smith, Whitfield, Conant, Wright, Bonsall, S. F. Noon, Wilson, Tomlin, Bristol, Buchanan, Pool and Mobley. Also the Misses Eugenia Mobley and Martha Chatham.

At a large expenditure of money the Nogales Jersey Farm, of which J. R. Meek is superintendent, has made a number of needed improvements and now has one of the most thoroughly up-to-date dairy outfits in Arizona. The "blue ribbon herd" is second to none in the state, and recent official tests showed the Nogales Jersey Farm product to be absolutely pure.

Monday and Tuesday Mrs. Josephine Saxon, Santa Cruz county's efficient county school superintendent, conducted the county teachers examination at her office in the court house. The following took the examination: For a life diploma, S. H. Beattie of Tubac. For county papers, Mrs. C. F. Hendricks and the Misses Flora Casanega, May Farrell and Araminta Castro.

The brutal, uncalled-for assaulting of small boys and old men, last Saturday night on our streets, by American soldiers, simply because the victims were Mexicans, is deeply regretted by every decent officer and soldier now stationed in Nogales. The prompt action of the officers in quelling the so-called riot, is commended by all good citizens of Nogales who believe in law and order.

Since the battle last Monday, four miles southeast of Nogales, between Carranza and Villa forces, in which honors were about even, there has been no fighting near Nogales. During Monday's fight many soldiers on both sides are said to have been killed. Many bridges and long stretches of railroad on the Sonora, near Imuris, have been destroyed by Calles soldiers, thereby putting the road out of commission indefinitely.

The Chamber of Commerce Committee, composed of Messrs. Allen T. Bird, F. J. Barry and J. B. Bristol, sent to San Francisco to confer with President Sproule of the Southern Pacific, with regard to the freight rates into Nogales, have been successful and are returning home greatly pleased with the treatment received from the Southern Pacific company. It is now up to the Interstate Commerce Commission to say whether or not the relief asked by the committee shall be granted.

Capt. Jefferson Davis Milton, who for more than a dozen years has been in the employ of the United States immigration service, most of the time with headquarters at Fairbanks, has returned from San Francisco, where he ably represented, as a delegate, the district of Arizona, at the Immigration Conference. The conference was attended by L. F. Post, assistant secretary of labor, Ethelbert Stewart, chief statistician of the Bureau of Labor, and many other distinguished men of the nation.

E. B. Holt, the mining man, is a guest at the Montezuma hotel from Yuma county, where he is developing a big mining property. Samples of ore taken from the pay-streak assays as high as 1400 ounces silver and several dollars gold to the ton. There is an immense body of \$12.00 ore already blocked out and Mr. Holt says several of the big leads on the property will go better than 140 ounces. Mining men who have seen samples of the ore on exhibition at the Montezuma hotel, congratulate Mr. Holt and his associates. Looks like a big winner.

STATE TAX LEVY INCREASED.

Rate for Ensuing Year to be 54 Cents
—Was 44 1-2 Last Year.

The Tax Commission in conjunction with the Supervisors and Assessors of the Counties of the state completed their session in Flagstaff on the 9th inst, says The Oasis.

The assessment for 1915 as compared with 1914 is as follows:
State assessment roll, 1915 . . . \$420,000,000.
State assessment roll, 1914 . . . \$407,000,000.
Increase in valuation for 1915 . . . \$13,000,000.
Tax rate 1914, 44 1-2 cents on . . . \$ 100.
Tax rate 1915, 54 cents.
Increase 1915 over 1914, 9 1-2 cents.

Percentage of increase, 21 1-2.
By the above it will be seen that the tax rate for the ensuing year will be 54 cents on the valuation of each \$100 worth of property within the state and is an increase of 2 1-2 per cent over 1914.

That the assessors are pretty well on to their jobs, is proven by the fact, that the equalization board after working over their assessments resulted in a reduction of the sum total less than \$2000. This reduction was principally in the correction of assessment on mining properties. In the final work of the board the assessments were raised in Apache, Coconino, Graham, Navajo, Maricopa, Pima, Pinal, Yavapai and Yuma Counties and Reduction was made in Cochise, Gila, Greenlee and Mohave.

Apache, \$6,381,427.21; Cochise, \$101,410,685.82; Coconino \$17,306,186.97; Gila, \$42,251,511.64; Graham, \$10,627,678.55; Greenlee, \$28,065,064.30; Maricopa, \$73,362,414.88; Mohave, \$14,962,506.52; Navajo, \$8,137,123; Pima, \$26,007.12; Pinal, \$25,231,432.99; Santa Cruz, \$6,958,703.98; Yavapai, \$45,551,978.20; Yuma, \$14,277,941.741.72; total \$20,532,411.90.

The assessment of Santa Cruz County remains just as returned by the Assessor. This is remarkable, for the reason, it is believed that this is the first instance wherein the State Tax Commission has passed without some alteration and returns of County Assessors. Santa Cruz County should feel proud of her efficient assessor and also her Board of Supervisors who passed upon Mr. Wager's work in advance.

IN MEMORIAM.

JAMES MONROE BANKERD, born in Wheeling, W. Va., July 4th, 1842, died at his home on Comoro Ranch, near Nogales, August 18th, 1915, of heart failure, after a week's illness—in his 74th year.

He is survived by his two daughters, Mrs. J. C. Fisher of Pittsburgh, Pa., and Miss Mollie, of Comoro Ranch; a son, Chas. A. Bankard of Duquesne, Ariz., six grand sons and a grand daughter. Two sisters and a brother reside in Pittsburgh.

He was a member of Co. B, 13th Regiment Regiment, Pennsylvania Infantry, volunteering at the first call to arms in April of 1861.

Funeral services will be held in Nogales, Saturday, Arizona, Aug. 21, 1915, at 4 o'clock.

Villa's Mining Decree Will Wait.

That the mining decree issued by General Villa last March will not go into effect for four months, is stated by United States Senator Ashurst in a letter to O. Metckhe, a Tucson mining engineer.

According to the decree, the enforcement of which, it is said, would work a great hardship upon owners of mining property in Mexico, all mining properties in Mexico shall work on at least five pertenencias (approximately 3 1/2 acres) continually under penalty of having the claims revert back to the public domain.

The Nogales Common Council held an interesting meeting last Monday evening, presided over by Acting Mayor W. G. Bowman. After considerable discussion, pro and con, the city fathers decided that the town treasurer and clerk, being responsible for the city's funds, could keep the money any place he saw fit. However, upon motion of Member Fiedler, seconded by Member Escalada, it was decided to raise the treasurer's bond from \$1,000 to \$10,000. Con O'Keefe, who recently erected a building on his premises without securing the proper permit, was given five days in which to remove the offending structure.